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The judges of the Superior Court of California, County of Fresno, are pleased to announce the election of Judge Jonathan B. Conklin as the court's presiding judge, effective January 1, 2014. Conklin has selected Judge Kimberly A. Gaab as his assistant presiding judge.

Conklin was appointed to the Fresno Superior Court in 2005 by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger and has served as a member of the court's executive committee since 2008. He is the current assistant presiding judge of the court. Prior to his appointment, Conklin was an assistant United States attorney for 15 years, serving as senior litigation counsel responsible for handling long-term and complex trials. He was the assistant chief of the United States Attorney's Office in Fresno from 2004 through 2005.

Gaab was appointed to the Fresno Superior Court in 2008 by Governor Schwarzenegger and also serves on the court's executive committee. She is the current presiding judge of the juvenile delinquency court. Gaab was an assistant United States attorney in Fresno from 2004 until her appointment. She was formerly a staff attorney for Associate Justice Rebecca A. Wiseman of the California Court of Appeal, Fifth Appellate District, and was previously engaged in private practice.

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